

REMARKS

Claims 6, 14, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Office Action at page 5, states:

Franke does not disclose restoring power to any module indicated by the power state information as being on during a previous tenure without regard to the communication protocol being used.

That is, Franke does not disclose the first element of claims 6, 14, and 20. Applicants accordingly have amended claims 1, 7, and 15 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 6, 14, and 20 respectively. Claims 2-6, 8-14, and 16-20 depend respectively from independent claims 1, 7, and 15. Each dependent claim includes all of the limitations of the independent claim from which it depends. Because each dependent claim includes all the limitations of the independent claim from which it depends and the independent claims as currently amended include allowable subject matter, the dependent claims 2-6, 8-14, and 16-20 include the same allowable subject matter. Applicants submit that these amendments therefore place all claims of the present application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102 Over Franke

Claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Franke, *et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0117536). To anticipate claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19, Franke must disclose each and every element and limitation recited in the claims of the present application. The Office Action states that Franke does not disclose the first element of claims 6, 14, and 20. As explained above, independent claims 1, 7, and 15 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 6, 14, and 20 respectively. Franke does not disclose therefore each and every element and limitation recited in the claims of the present application and therefore does not anticipate claims of the present application.

Claims 2-6, 8-14, and 16-20 depend respectively from independent claims 1, 7, and 15. Each dependent claim includes all of the limitations of the independent claim from which it depends. Because Franke does not disclose each and every element of the independent claims, Franke does not disclose each and every element of the dependent claims of the present application. As such, claims 2-6, 8-14, and 16-20 are also patentable and should be allowed.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 7, and 15 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter recited in Applicants' original claims 6, 14, and 20. Applicants submit that all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-20.

Claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Franke. Applicants submit that the amendments of the claims 1, 7, and 15, cure the rejections of claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19 are therefore patentable and should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-19.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0563 for any fees required or overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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